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Inter-disciplinary Higher Education
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to develop inter-disciplinary education in higher education in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(c) the time by which it is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Dr. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) to (c): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has introduced a Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) for all undergraduate and postgraduate level degree, diploma and certificate programmes under the credit system awarded by Central, State and Deemed to be Universities. This system ensures an inter-disciplinary approach to learning and enables students to take up courses of their choice, learn at their own pace, undergo additional courses and acquire more than the required credits. UGC has framed the guidelines on CBCS with a view to enhance academic standards and quality in higher education through innovation and improvements in curriculum, teachinglearning process, examination and evaluation systems. The guidelines provide a framework for progressively adopting of the different aspects of CBCS namely (i) semester system; (ii) development of core, elective and foundation courses; (iii) updation of curricula utilizing the flexibility provided as per the guidelines; (iv) examination and assessment system including awarding of credits and credit transfer; etc. UGC had circulated these guidelines to the Vice-Chancellors of all Universities and requested them to introduce this system from the academic year 2015-16.
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